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1. NARCOTICS ATTACHE AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT CALLED ON JUAN B A R O N A LOBATO, ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR, MINEXTAFF, JANUARY 25. BARONA INDICATED THAT FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL (AND NOW SECRETARY OF LABOR) PEDRO O J E D A PAULLADA WILL HEAD MEXICAN DELEGATION FOR OPENING DAYS ONLY, PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY ONLY IN EVENING STRATEGY SESSIONS BEFORE MEETING AND INVESTITURE OF NEW PRESIDENT. FOR BALANCE OF CND MEETING BARONA WILL HEAD MEXICAN DELEGATION.

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2. COMPOSTIION OF MEXICAN DELEGATION NOT YET FIRM. IN ADDITION TO OJEDA AND BARONA, DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE RODOLFO C H A V E Z CALVILLO (ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE) AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. (BARONA DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW IF RAMON D E L A F U E N T E, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CEMEF, WOULD PARTICIPATE SINCE HE IS ALREADY MEMBER OF INTERNATIONL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD.)

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS REQUESTED MEXICAN SUPPORT FOR IRANIAN DELEGATE AS RAPPORTEUR. BARONA COMMENTED THAT SHANANDEH IS, TO BARONA AT LEAST, AN UNKNOWN AND INEXPERIENCED CANDIDATE. BARONA FEELSRAPORRTEUR IS "ONE OF FEW CND OFFICERS WHO WORKS" AND THAT CND WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY SOMEONE WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AT CND SESSIONS. EMBASSY OFFICERS REVIEWED ADVANTAGES OF HAVING IRAN ELECTED TO CND POSITION AND EMPHASIZED SHAHANDEH'S PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS AS LEADER IN IRAN'S TREATMENT PROGRAM. BARONA JOKED THAT "AFTER LAST YEAR, MEXICO CAN HARDLY EXPECT TO BE ELECTED" AND PROMISED TO CONSIDER SHAHANDAH.

4. MISSION WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO SPEAK WITH OJEDA AND REQUEST HIS SUPPORT FOR SHAHANDEH. JOVA

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